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In re Application of:        Alan Leslie STANLEY et al.  
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                                     Unit for Objects of Different Kind*

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.

The **Abstract** appears after page 6 of this paper.

**In the Abstract:**

Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).